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COORDINATING COMMITTEE

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

ON

PROPOSED UNITED KINGDOM EXPORT OF GAS TURBINE BLADE INSPECTION  
EQUIPMENT FOR THE SOVIET ZONE OF GERMANY

19th September, 1960

Present: Belgium(Luxembourg), Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States.

Reference: COCOM Document 4115.

1. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to a United Kingdom proposal to export to the Soviet Zone of Germany gas turbine blade inspection equipment, covered by Item 1080(e) on the International Lists. He invited delegates to make known the views of their Governments.
2. The ITALIAN Delegate stated that his authorities would raise no objection to the proposed export in view of the end-use.
3. The GERMAN Delegate stated that his authorities had carefully studied the United Kingdom request and believed that the equipment involved could possibly be used for inspecting the turbine blades of military as well as civilian aircraft. However, in view of the end-use stated, and since the United Kingdom Government were convinced that this inspection equipment would not be diverted to strategic uses, the German authorities would raise no objection to the proposed export.
4. The other delegations raised no objection and the UNITED KINGDOM Delegate thanked his colleagues for their favourable replies.